



Joint Information Center - JIC Release No. 499
December 19, 2020, 10 p.m. (ChST)

**Results: 5 of 145 Test Positive for COVID-19;
 Governor Leon Guerrero Signs Executive Order No. 2020-44;
 DPHSS Issues Guidance Memo 2020-46**

Results: 5 New Cases of COVID-19

Five (5) new cases of COVID-19 were identified out of **145** tests performed on Friday, December 18, 2020.

To date, there have been a total of **7,198** officially reported cases of COVID-19 with **119** deaths, **466** cases in active isolation and **6,613** not in active isolation.

**TODAY'S CAR
 SCORE**

1.6

The COVID Area Risk (CAR) Score will be recalculated once reports from all participating labs are up to date. The CAR Score accounts for the incidence of new cases, how well current testing identifies these cases, and the rate of spread. The ideal long-term goal is to sustain a CAR Score of 2.5 or less, which has been shown to correlate with very low to zero COVID-related hospitalizations and deaths.

The following tables provide COVID-19 test results reported to the Joint Information Center on Saturday, December 19 and reflects results from Friday, December 18:

| COVID-19 CASE COUNT | TOTAL | NEW CASES REPORTED TODAY | PAST 7 DAYS |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| COVID-19 CASES: | 7,198 | 5 | N/A |
| CONFIRMED CASES: | 7,031 | 5 | N/A |
| PROBABLE CASES: | 167 | 0 | N/A |

| COVID HOSPITAL CENSUS | Guam Memorial Hospital | Guam Regional Medical City | U.S. Naval Hospital | TOTAL |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| COVID ADMISSION | 21 | 5 | 0 | 26 |
| IN ICU | 7 | 1 | 0 | 8 |
| ON VENTILATOR | 4 | 1 | 0 | 5 |

Governor Leon Guerrero Signs Executive Order No. 2020-44

On Friday, December 18, 2020, Governor Lou Leon Guerrero signed Executive Order No. 2020-44 relative to amending restrictions on the operation of businesses and activities during Pandemic Condition of Readiness 1 (PCOR 1). In addition to continuing the “Safer At Home” Advisory and mandating social distancing and wearing of face coverings, EO 2020-44, allows

for the following:

- **OPERATION OF AUTHORIZED BUSINESSES AT INCREASED OCCUPANCY LIMITS.** Authorized businesses, occupancy load limitations and mitigation requirements are set forth in applicable DPHSS guidance.
- **EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT FOR FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS.** Pursuant to Section 5215, Chapter 5 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, I declare and certify the existence of an emergency relative to the need for financial and human resource management systems for the government of Guam. Therefore, the Chief Procurement Officer for the Department of Administration's General Services Agency is authorized to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to secure services, supplies or goods, required for the implementation of systems for the management of the government of Guam's financial and human resource management operations, which are critical to administering the several programs necessary to address and are responsive to the current public health emergency.

DPHSS Issues Guidance Memo 2020-46

The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) issued Guidance Memo 2020-46, to advise the public of restrictions and allowances for business and government operations in accordance with Executive Order No. 2020-44 during the current Pandemic Condition of Readiness 1 (PCOR 1).

In addition to authorized businesses and services previously identified in DPHSS Guidance Memo 2020-45, the following have been authorized to operate at 50% occupancy load:

- Private and public swimming pools;
- Gymnasiums, fitness centers, and dance studios;
- Indoor firing ranges; and
- Others as determined by DPHSS.

EFFECTIVE AT 8:00 AM ON DECEMBER 20, 2020, DPHSS HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE FOLLOWING:

- As determined by DPHSS, the following may continue to **operate by appointment only, and must not exceed 50%** of the occupancy load:
 - Animal grooming and training establishments;
 - Cosmetology Establishments;
 - Dive shops;
 - Auto wash, detailing, and tinting businesses;
 - Photography services;
 - Financial planning;
 - Advertising and marketing;
 - In-office Consulting; and
 - Others as determined by DPHSS.
- **ORGANIZED SPORTS NON-CONTACT TRAINING** is authorized; provided, 6 feet distance is maintained, including while occupying a vehicle (i.e., golf cart) or in an

enclosed space, and:

- There is no direct contact between participants;
 - If held outdoors, congregation cannot exceed 20 individuals;
 - If held indoors, it cannot exceed 50% of the occupancy load; and where and when applicable, implement frequent disinfection of surfaces that can be contaminated with the COVID virus, require the wearing of face masks by all who are not engaged in the activity (i.e., coaches and employees), and the posting of signs for social distancing and face mask requirements; and
 - Non-participants (i.e., instructors, employees, and parents) must wear face mask.
- **SWIMMING POOLS (PRIVATE AND PUBLIC):** May operate at 50% of the pool's occupancy load is authorized, and the operator:
 - Adheres to DPHSS Guidance Memorandum 2020-17 (Minimum Requirements for Operations of Swimming Pools and Waterparks); and
 - No more than ten (10) individuals per group at poolside who must remain 6 feet distance if not from the same household.
- **GYMNASIUMS, FITNESS CENTERS, AND DANCE STUDIOS:** May operate at 50% of the room's occupancy load is authorized; provided:
 - Adherence to DPHSS Guidance Memorandum 2020-16 (Minimum Requirements for Operations of Gymnasiums and Fitness Centers), including 6 feet distancing;
 - There is no contact amongst participants; and
 - Non-participants (i.e., instructors, employees, and parents) must wear face mask.
- **SOCIAL DISTANCING & FACE MASKS REMAIN IN EFFECT:** any congregation authorized herein must maintain social distancing of not less than 6 feet from any other individual or congregation and all persons must wear face masks, unless unable to do pursuant to the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance](#) on “Considerations for Wearing Masks,” or as provided in applicable DPHSS guidance.

To view DPHSS Guidance Memo 2020-46 in its entirety, refer to the attached document, or visit dphss.guam.gov/covid-19-jic-releases-executive-orders.

GBHWC Crisis Hotline

The Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) has a Crisis Hotline that is available 24/7 at (671) 647-8833/4. For those feeling anxious, stressed, overwhelmed or are needing to talk to someone, GBHWC has experienced providers available and ready to assist the community with any heightened stress and anxiety experienced as a result of COVID-19.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit dphss.guam.gov or guamrecovery.com. For inquiries on COVID-19, contact 311 through a local number, or call the Joint Information Center at (671) 478-0208/09/10.

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